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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TARAPUR

1. ON TARAPUR, YOU CAN TELL CHAVAN THAT WE WILL BE MAKING STRONG PITCH AT THE JULY 20 PUBLIC HEARING FOR ISSUANCE OF LICENSE NUMBER 845 AND HAVE ALREADY FORWARDED DETAILED STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF OUR POSITION. HOWEVER, AS YOU KNOW, NRC ORDER ON 805 AND GENERAL CLIMATE HERE MAKES CLEAR THAT POSITIVE ACTION ON 845 IS UNLIKELY UNLESS WE ARE ABLE TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENT TO EXERCISE OUR BUYBACK OPTION ON THE SPENT FUEL. WE HAVE WRITTEN TO THE NRC THAT WE INTEND TO EXPLORE THIS WITH THE GOI AND WILL SO INDICATE IN THE JULY 20 HEARINGS.

2. YOU CAN TELL CHAVAN THAT WE WILL BE SHORTLY IN TOUCH WITH THE GOI REGARDING TIME AND PLACE TO DISCUSS THE BUYBACK AND ANY OTHER ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE NRC IS LIKELY TO ACT AFFIRMATIVELY ON TARAPUR LICENSE QUESTION. OUR PRESENT INCLINATION IS TO WRAP THESE UP AS
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